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STRONGEST TEAM WILL START OFF IN SAIGON

— From MARTIN ROYAL —

SAIGON, Wednesday. — Six Sydney players are likely to appear in the Australian team in our first match on Sunday, against New Zealand.

Joe Vlasits, coach of the Australian team, has yet to announce his starting team.

However, barring injuries or illnesses which are always a clear possibility, he intends to field this team on Saturday:

Romanowicz; Keith, Van Alphen, Ackerley; Schaefer, Westwater; Vojtek, Watkiss, Warren, Baartz, Richards.

Romanowicz, this tall, curly-haired Adelaide youngster, has captured the imagination of managers and coach alike with his agility and courage.

Corry hasn't been 100% fit and this may go against him when Vlasits picks the team.

Vlasits didn't have a very big choice with the fullbacks and Keith, Van Alphen and Ackerley just about selected themselves.

The only other recognised fullback in the squad is the young Queenslander Wilkins and he is certain to get his chance later.

Schaefer and Westwater, two immensely fit, strong and talented players, look to be the choices for the wing half posts, ahead of Micic and Lloyd.

In the forward line Vlasits is thinking about several variations.

He intends to use Vojtek, Baartz and Richards as strikers with Watkiss and Warren as the linkmen.

Vojtek is a fast, very dangerous winger whose runs may well be exploited by the robust and effective Baartz and Richards.

De Lyster is also considered for the left wing position though his left heel injury has thrown him out of gear and may cost him a place in the team.

Abonyi is the number one standby for an inside forward position while young McColl will get his chance in later games.

Vlasits is quietly confident that the team will take the first hurdle well.

A victory in the first match would go a long way towards securing our team "respect" and giving the players confidence.

"I am not making any forecasts" Vlasits said today.

"We are going to do everything possible to win every match we play."

"I hope that we'll do well and the boys, all in excellent spirit, are determined to take home the trophy."

"We'll see. All I want to say now is that I am more concerned with outside factors, such as climate and possible sickness, than with our opponents."

● John Holland introduces the South Vietnamese team on page 3.

S. KOREA SURPRISE ENTRY

From Martin Royal

SAIGON, Wednesday. — If ever the old tag, "Mysterious Orient" could be rightly applied, this Saigon tournament was the case.

On arrival here yesterday we were informed that some major changes had taken place.

South Korea and Hong Kong, who had earlier declined to participate and had planned, instead, to take part in the Kim Chong Pil tournament in Seoul, South Korea, had a change of heart and nominated for Saigon instead.

On the other hand, the reputedly weakest team in the field, Philippines who had been considered certain starters, withdrew in the last moment.

The presence of South Korea and possibly Hong Kong adds to the strength and prestige of the tournament which now becomes harder to win.

Due to these reshuffles, the composition of the two preliminary groups have also been changed.

Australia is now in a group with New Zealand, South Vietnam and Singapore — somewhat stronger than was originally designed.

Australia's first match will be on Sunday, not Saturday, and against New Zealand, not Vietnam.

The rest of the draw will be made known only tomorrow when the organisers find out for sure whether Hong Kong does or does not participate.



FERENCVAROS TOUR

Crack Hungarians may come in July

— By PAUL DEAN —

The brilliant Hungarian champion team, Ferencvaros has called off its proposed January visit.

The club's president, Istvan Kalmar said in a letter just received by St. George-Budapest that lack of sufficient number of matches and the low match fees forced them to change their plans.

However, Ferencvaros offered to tour here between July 5 and August 5.

St. George president Les Bordacs has already suggested to ASF secretary, Ian McAndrew that the national body take over the sponsorship of the tour.

"We would have made some profit out of the tour but are glad to pass on Ferencvaros to the ASF if they are interested," said Bordacs.

"In fact, the July-August dates may suit the ASF very well."

BIG ATTRACTION

This, indeed, may be just what the doctor ordered.

Ferencvaros in July would be certainly just as big an attraction as almost any other team from Europe.

And while Real Madrid, the team the ASF is flirting with, would not even consider anything below a \$10,000 match fee, the Hungarians would be prepared to take much less.

Ferencvaros can today be described without any exaggeration as superior to Real Madrid and at least equal to Benfica, Manchester United and Celtic.

MANY "CAPS"

In the recent Hungarian team against East Germany and Rumania, Ferencvaros provided six full internationals in fullbacks Matrai and Pancsics, wing half Szucs and forwards Albert, Varga and Rakosi.

On top of these, Novak, Juhasz, Szoke and Katona are also fully capped, now-

days playing in Hungary's "B" team.

In the 1967 Hungarian championship, Ferencvaros have so far played 26 games for 23 wins and three draws and are leading second placed Ujpest by 10, the famous Vasas by an incredible 15 points.

TOAST OF EUROPE

Very conservatively estimated, Ferencvaros is a two-goal better team today than either Sparta or Slavia of Czechoslovakia.

Not to grab them for a 1968 tour would be rather foolish.

With their brilliant attacking, free-scoring style engineered by such world class forwards as Albert and Varga, Ferencvaros today are the toast of Europe, dishing out the kind of entertaining football only the Real Madrid and Benfica of a few years ago could emulate or better.

Australian team coach Joe Vlasits and some of his charges at the squad's North Ryde training centre before departure. At top left Richards, with his back to the camera Keith, right behind Vlasits, Schaefer and Micic, at extreme right De Lyster.

Big welcome

SAIGON, Tuesday. — Australia's soccer tourists were accorded the typical Asian VIP welcome when they stepped off the plane from Singapore at 5 p.m. today.

Just as in Phnom-Penh two years ago, a bevy of local girls was waiting on the tarmac with garlands of flowers for every member of the party.

Two of the pretty Vietnamese girls in the welcoming party will be guides and interpreters during our stay in Saigon.

Despite the mundane atmosphere that prevailed at the welcoming ceremonies, the grim signs of the Vietnam war were evident taxed along the tarmac.

The Australians saw a burnt-out plane, piles of neatly stacked bombs, row after row of military aircraft and dozens of alert American and South Vietnamese servicemen.

APIA LOSE AUST. CUP

The demise of APIA continued when the star-studded Sydney team was beaten 4-3 in the final of the Australia Cup in Melbourne's Olympic Park.

The winners, Melbourne-Hungaria, are the sixth holders of the Cup in its six years of history.

A wildly enthusiastic crowd of over 11,000 feted the Melbourne team after their victory.

See our double-report on the game on page 4.

TWO DISTRICTS SHOW VAST PROGRESS

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

The Sutherland Shire Association is certainly a remarkable outfit.

To field over 5,000 boys and men in 374 teams is achievement enough, but the Shire does not rest at that.

Another 57 teams with 750 under-7 laddies also played, giving Sutherland a magnificent reservoir of young material for the future.

Association president, Ken Chipman, believes that co-operation between juniors and seniors in the area has improved immeasurably, to the extent that for the first time the juniors are 100% behind the district club, which will do much for the game.

The Sutherland Soccer Club Ltd. is promoting soccer, and four directors have both junior background and current service with the District Association. The men concerned are Kevin Noyes, Association treasurer, Ken Watts, vice-president, Jack Stearman, publicity officer and Chipman himself.

Clubs in Sutherland are drawn from the Heathcote and Engadine areas, right through to Cronulla.

Almost every one of the 20 clubs are large units, and of them, Miranda, with 44 teams, is the largest.

This year Qantas fielded two all-age teams, with many of their players resident in the Shire.

Another welcome feature was the progress of St. Patrick's Sutherland club, which had 15 teams.

With such a huge fixture roster, the ground problem is acute, despite the best efforts of the Shire Council.

Ground headache

Local grounds and school grounds are at saturation point, and how to get more fields is the main headache of the management committee.

The Association is unremitting in its attention to improving the standard of play.

Rovers club won the Robertson Cup, and were under-21 "Champion of Champions."

Sutherland's under-8s and 10s were Metropolitan champions, and Cronulla Seagulls were under-10 "Champion of Champions."

Interstate matches are also fostered. The Sutherland under-13s were unbeaten on their tour to South Australia, where they took on opponents in the Elizabeth district.

Brisbane's under-10 representative team was Sutherland's guest this year.

Sutherland won the "Len James Trophy," named in honor of the late president of the Brisbane Association.

With such well-directed enthusiasm, nothing is more certain than Sutherland reaching new heights in achievement in 1968.

KU-RING-GAI

When the Ku-ring-gai Association was formed some 10 years ago, its representative teams were simply devoured by the long-established associations.

As club after club was formed, junior football standards remained depressed.

Then Ku-ring-gai decided to remedy the position.

FA-certificated coach David Wardell became a resident of the area, and

was given the task of putting the polish on representative and club teams.

Today standards have risen dramatically, with more improvements in store.

Improvement

Ku-ring-gai's under-14s reached the District Representative semifinals this year.

The under-16s were well placed.

The under-9s were undefeated in the Metropolitan championships, only to find themselves ruled out, due to fielding one over-age player by mistake.

The district is also well-placed in "Champion of Champion" competitions.

All this is a feather in the cap of a comparatively new soccer district, which will soon have a representative team strength which many older Associations will find it hard to match.

The year 1967 brought an early crisis with referees, as there were insufficient to meet the demands of the 3,300 footballers in a district running from Lindfield through Hornsby to Brooklyn township.

The Ku-ring-gai-Hornsby Soccer Referees League was formed, under the chairmanship of Tom Nossal.

As a youngster, Tom had played for Austrian Schoolboys against England Schoolboys, and he turned his knowledge of the game to good account.

Soon referees were coming forward in numbers, and with Reg Crilly on the spot to help establish the new organisation, the position improved so much over the season that it is probable that 1968 will see every fixture controlled by a trained referee or cadet.

Catholic Schools

Catholic schools throughout the area are joining in activities with the suburban clubs and use of school fields has helped the ground position.

Corpus Christi St. Ives, Sacred Heart Pymble, Prouille Convent School, and St. Leo's Christian Brothers College are all doing extremely well.

1967 saw Ku-ring-gai's biggest Gala Day yet, and from a small beginning, Gala Day has grown into the largest annual sporting event of its kind on Sydney's North Shore.

Ku-ring-gai president, D. M. Allen, has been with the Association since its formation.

In former years he played for Christ Church Gladesville in the Protestant Churches competition, before joining Gladesville-Ryde reserve team.

His experience helped the Association over many of its early hurdles.

Today he foresees a gradual growth in strength of Ku-ring-gai United, the amateur unit in Inter-Suburban football.

The club will provide top-class play for the district in future years.

Almost all its present players are under 18, and the accent will remain on youth until the objective is finally at hand.

A licensed club will be formed in due time. Activities are now under the control of an Association sub-committee, with Association secretary Austin Sheath and Reg Crilly assisting to start the project.

SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

HAMMY McMEECHAN, the talented Croatia (Melbourne) defender, moved to Sydney this week. It is understood that within a fortnight he will be signed by a Sydney club. McMeechan toured Asia with the 1965 Australian World Cup team and was also selected against Scotland this year.

FERDO DUNAJ has been reappointed Yugal coach for 1968.

Pan Hellenic will play HELAS-ADELAIDE at Wentworth Park on Sunday, November 19. The South Australians will be reciprocating the Sydneysiders' November 11 Adelaide visit.

DANNY WALSH, the lively little Hakoah halfback, leaves on November 30 to visit relatives in Britain. He'll miss next season's Ampol Cup, but will return before the start of the 1968 premiership.

Predictably, last Monday LES SCHAUMAN signed a contract with St. George tying him to the club for four years. According to coach Laurie Hegyes, who has put Schauman through a rigorous test, the former NSW star is "brilliant as ever".

LEN BELGRE was re-elected president of Lane Cove United for next season. Other positions filled at the club's AGM last week included vice-president, A. Lawson; secretary, Bruce Reimer; treasurer, W.K. Bendit, and assistant-secretary, R. Robinson.

Australian Federation secretary, IAN MCANDREW, hopes to fly to Europe at the end of next week. McAndrew will visit Spain, to negotiate with Real Madrid for an Australian tour next year, FIFA headquarters in Zurich and Britain. He expects to be away for about three and a half weeks.

St. George-Budapest this week renewed the contract of coach LAURIE HEGYES for yet another season. Hegyes is, by far, the longest-serving First Division coach in Sydney.

Said Melbourne Hungaria executive ANDY KUN after his team's win in the Australia Cup: "A tremendous match — almost as good as the Sydney Grand Final which I saw this year".

Don't forget Pan Hellenic's JUNIOR PICNIC at No. 3 Pavillion, Nielsen Park, on Sunday. Everybody is cordially welcome to partake in the fun, games and goodies.

Some APLA officials are most unhappy about the decline of a few key defenders including Hughes and Nuttall. They also begin to wonder the usefulness of Van Blerk whose dubious tactics invariably sweep him close to expulsion. Major changes in the APLA defence for '68 are likely.

MIKE DE BRUYCKERE may be relieved of his Victorian State coaching position because he failed to attend the Coaches' Federation symposium at Melbourne University last weekend.

Hakoah forward, JIM HARDING, will be away, visiting the world, for the next 18 months. Harding is on a hiking tour which will take in Australia's Northern Territory, Portuguese Timor, Indonesia, most of Southeast Asia, the United States and Europe.

Western Suburbs Association secretary, CLARRIE FREDERICKS, was no stranger to soccer administration when he joined Wests. For many years he had been an official at Lismore, including a period as secretary of that progressive district.

GLADESVILLE-HORNSBY Referees Association will hold their annual picnic and presentation at Lagoon Park, Pittwater Road, Manly, next Saturday.

P. KOENS bagged 29 goals for Dee Why over the season, to top their Inter-Suburban scorers' list. Reserve grader John Langmead was "Best and Fairest", with Glen Smith runner-up.

Australian skipper, JOHN WARREN, was a busy man on Sunday afternoon. In the space of 40 minutes he appeared live on Channel 7 and Channel 9 interviews, conducted by Rex Mossop and Ron Casey. Both stations also showed film of the Australian squad training at North Ryde.

Yugal are holding a "MISS YUGAL" quest. Twelve girls will be chosen as finalists before Christmas and the winner will be announced at a big function early next year.

Hakoah have five players about to sit for school and university EXAMINATIONS. They are Peter Fuzes, Alec Coutts, Graham Harivel, Peter Lakmaker, son of club secretary, Harry Lakmaker, and Peter Woods, the son of NSW Federation management committeeman, Alan Woods.

THE SUN (David Jack) and SOCCER WORLD were the only newspapers represented at Mascot when the Australian team departed for Singapore — eight and a half hours late — last Monday at 9 p.m.

Pan Hellenic are negotiating with a "big-name" GREEK GOALKEEPER. Club officials are keeping his name secret until he is signed up officially. Despite the emerging

talent of young Maglis, Pan Hellenic are badly in need of a top class custodian for 1968 as they have been notoriously weak in this department ever since moving up to First Division in 1961.

Sutherland District is extremely proud of its Referees Association, which backs the district to the hilt in providing referees for almost countless competition and gala games over the season. The referees had only five qualified men eight years ago, and now have well over 80. Well-known referee and one-time player, EVAN CRAGGS, has been president for eight years, and LAURIE HAYNES has had three years as secretary.

Despite an unprecedented flow of applications for their vacant coaching position — including many interstate applicants — Hakoah are all but certain to hand over the "hot seat" to their former English international winger, DOUG HOLDEN.

Manly have obtained approval for a five-year lease of GRAHAM RESERVE, Manly, which will be the club's home ground in 1968.

The NSW Federation's ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Hellenic House on Wednesday, November 22.

Among the first to congratulate Melbourne-Hungaria players after their triumph last Sunday were officials of Second Division club SUNSHINE — who had knocked them out of the Dockerty Cup.

SAINTS TO CEYLON?

St. George-Budapest have been invited to play a few matches in Colombo, Ceylon next January.

The surprise invitation arrived last week through the offices of an airline company.

St. George are interested in the offer if they can get a few more matches on the way in Singapore, Kuala Lumpur and perhaps Jakarta.

The only snag may be the anticipated early start of the Ampol Cup in Sydney.

Even though the proposed tour is a tempting one, the Saints would hate to pull out and give the Cup a miss, after having won the trophy this year.

GRANVILLE's Annual General Meeting has been postponed and is likely to take place on Tuesday, November 7, at the clubrooms at MacArthur Park. Incidentally, the club's application for a liquor license comes up for hearing on November 23.

St. George-Budapest's versatile HERBERT STEGBAUER goes for a holiday to his native Austria in two weeks. He will rejoin the Saints next March.

JOE MARSTON, the Western Suburbs coach, left for a six-week visit to England last Wednesday. Marston will study European training methods and also look up his former English club, Preston North End, to learn as much as he can from their apprenticeship scheme.

TCN Channel 9's British "STAR SOCCER" will now be screened at 10 p.m. on Mondays. The telecasts will be repeated at 2 p.m. on Sunday afternoon.

Letter to the Editor

Tour facts all wrong

Reader G. Christopherson (SW 27-10-67) should check his facts before making erroneous statements.

In last week's "Readers' Letters" he claimed "a predominantly Sydney-based Australia in 1965 scored six goals in Asia while letting in 11".

In their eight matches in Southeast Asia, two years ago, Australia scored 10 goals and conceded 13 (v. North Korea 1-6 and 1-3; v. Cambodia 0-0; v. Hong Kong 0-1; v. Nationalist China 3-1; v. AIK Stockholm 1-2; v. Malaysia 3-0 and 1-0).

I also take exception to his claim that the Australian team in 1965 was "predominantly Sydney-based".

According to Lou Gautier's 1965 tour reports, on four occasions there were up to five interstate players in the national team (against North Korea, in the return match; Cambodia, Nationalist China and in the second match against Malaysia at Ipoh).

And as six Sydney players — Corry, Ackerley, Watkiss, Warren, Baartz and Westwater — also appear certain to be first team regulars in the 1967 touring team, this year's national side will be just as much "predominantly Sydney-based".

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Saigon is like a weird T.V. Western

— By JOHN HOLLAND —

Saigon, as our team is now finding out, is a peculiar place as every Allied soldier now fighting in Vietnam can testify.

Alighting from the giant airliner you immediately notice that the only persons in sight are servicemen, well armed and apparently representative of several different countries.

Some are wearing the familiar jungle greens or khaki, others are dressed in neat blues and grays and at all entrances there are a few in the drab faded white of the civilian police force.

They are noticeable by their apparent alertness and American-style steel helmets, each marked with its own identification plate and perhaps a badge of rank.

Those in greens are carrying the latest model automatic carbines, others are weighed down by cumbersome riot guns or .45 pistols slung off sagging belts in the best "Western movie" style.

No Paris

Suddenly you become aware that the incessant roar of the constantly incoming and outgoing airliners has been punctuated by a deafening scream, as 500 yards away a flight of Phantom jets tear down the runway at almost unbelievable speed on their way to support an allied action nearby.

No! It is not an extract from a TV series — this is Saigon's Tan Son Nhut airport, where the Australian team touched down last Monday on the first leg of its Asian tour.

Saigon itself will undoubtedly be a disappointment to the tourists as long involvement in the war against the Viet Cong has left an indelible mark and the continual mobilization of its fit work force has caused an overall deterioration to the former "Paris of the East".

The traffic-choked streets offer nothing but turmoil as its several million inhabitants, swollen by thousands of refugees from the Northern Provinces, make their way through dingy markets specializing in black market goods pilfered from the American forces.

One ground

Essential services such as quality hotels, good food, transport, shopping and sight-seeing attractions and sporting facilities are taken for granted when visiting other Asian cities such as Hong Kong, Bangkok, Singapore or Djakarta.

However, Saigon lags well behind in all these things.

To our players used to open spaces and an abundance of football grounds, it will come as a big shock to learn that there is only one soccer ground of note in Saigon.

This is the Cong Hoa Stadium, a well designed arena but, as is the case with almost everything else on view, it has lacked attention due to the economic factors brought about by a prolonged war.

Terrorist raid

The stadium where Australia plays its first match against New Zealand on Sunday, is some four miles from the heart of the city, right in the centre of "Cholon" the grossly over-crowded Chinese section of Saigon.

Last year's National Day Tournament, when terrorists took the opportunity to send a rain of mortar bombs into the city area, was played there between South Vietnam, Thailand and Malaysia.

Average attendances at these games ranged from 20,000 to 30,000 spectators.

Larger crowds, of up to 40,000 are expected this year as better teams will be competing.

Due to a government ban on large public gatherings most South Vietnamese clubs have been disbanded and the better class players either drafted into the Army team or given a Government position which enables them to play with the former leading club, "Customs".

Four months of intensive full-time training under German coach, Heinz Weigang, gave the South Vietnamese national team a good grounding in preparation for the politically important Asian circuit last year.

Asian "Cinderella"

However, despite its good showing earlier in the year when they won the Merdeka Tournament, the team failed to hold its form and did not show up in the Asian Games played in Bangkok last December.

The appointment of Weigang as national coach wrought a sudden radical

change in the style of soccer played by the Vietnamese.

Retaining some of the dainty footwork and tricky runs which had been a feature of their play previously, the players developed a more direct robust style which soon brought results and lost the team its title of "the Cinderella of Asian Soccer".

The defenders were chosen according to their ability to effectively clear the goal area by long, accurate passing and for durability to withstand the toughest of opponents.

As most Vietnamese lack stamina and staying power and in order to exploit his own version of the 4-2-4 method, Weigang was forced to develop five utility players each capable of spearheading the attack and alternatively of dropping back to fetch and carry in support.

This resulted in a constant exchanging of positions as each player took his turn as link man supporting a peculiar four-man attack.

AUSSIES REGARDED AS TOURNNEY FAVORITES

— From Martin Royal —

SAIGON, Wednesday. — The South Vietnamese expect Australia, South Vietnam or South Korea to fight out the final of the Saigon Tournament.

Despite the withdrawal of Japan and Taiwan, and the utter confusion which still reigns in Saigon because of unexpected last-minute changes, the tournament is creating tremendous interest here.

This is South Vietnam's big sporting event of the year.

The pre-tournament activities of all competing teams are widely commented in the local Press.

Although still confined to the sports section this week, the Tournament will share front page Press billing with the political and war news once the matches get under way.

The international series early in November, to mark South Vietnam's Independence Day celebrations, is an annual event in Saigon.

In previous years, however, never more than five countries competed.

Last year the Tournament was confined to South Vietnam, Malaysia and Thailand.

South Vietnam repeated their shock Merdeka triumph of two and a half months earlier to easily win the 1966 tourney.

This year a super-Tournament had been planned and invitations issued to 11 countries.

However, Japan and Taiwan pulled out in the 11th hour for reasons still unknown.

Despite the last-minute defections, the 1967 Tournament is the biggest ever held in South Vietnam and local officials expect an even bigger participation in the future as they make no secret they would like to see the Saigon Tournament at least equal the Merdeka in importance and prestige.

The late acceptance by South Korea may prove to be a great

boon to the Tournament organizers.

Thousands of Korean servicemen, on leave in Saigon, are expected to swell attendances at all games.

Sunday's match between Australia and New Zealand, the first clash between these countries since 1958, will possibly test the sympathies of the neutral crowd.

It would not be surprising if the Saigonese barracked for New Zealand, hoping that Australia, whom they regard as their stiffest group rival, will start off with a loss.

A quick poll taken among local officials and pressmen revealed that Australia and South Vietnam are unanimously favored to top their round-robin group and join Malaysia and Singapore in the semifinals.

Thailand is only given an outside chance in their group

where South Korea and Malaysia are tipped to qualify for the semifinals.

Even Hong Kong, if they participate, may finish ahead of the likeable Thais.

Hong Kong's participation is still uncertain, and as Chairman of the Tournament Organising Committee, Colonel Pham Huy Sanh, said yesterday, the team from the Crown Colony may turn up here any hour.

Weather permitting — this is the rainy season in Saigon — organisers are counting on a near-capacity crowd of 40,000 spectators on Saturday, when South Vietnam plays Singapore in the opening game.

The match, like all the others in the tournament, will be played in the evening, under floodlights, but the temperature is still expected to be around the 85 degree mark.

The Vietnamese are confident of kicking off with a win and boost their morale for what could be a vital match against Australia next week.

Malaysian officials think that the Australian team that beat them 1-0 and 3-0 in 1965 is better than anything South Vietnam can put up, but warned that the Vietnamese, at home, are a two-goal better proposition.

The Australian camp is quietly confident, but the big problem is acclimatisation.

'SWANS' PAVED WAY FOR AUST.

Four of the five Asian teams competing in the Saigon Tournament played against Western Australia during the recent Merdeka Tournament in Kuala Lumpur.

Their results against Australia's "Cinderella" State were:

- Malaysia: won 3-2.
- Thailand: lost 1-3.
- Sth. Vietnam: won 3-0.
- Singapore: lost 3-5.

South Vietnam and Singapore are in Australia's round-robin preliminary group.

WA's result against Singapore suggests that unless the Australian national team suffers an unaccountable lapse, we should beat them convincingly.

Victories over Singapore and New Zealand would clinch us a berth in the semifinals irrespective of our result against the strong South Vietnamese team, Australia's toughest group opponent.

Vietnam's 3-0 win over Western Australia at Kuala Lumpur clearly indicates they will be the team to beat.

New Zealand, however, will also have their say in Group I, and, actually I expect them to finish ahead

of Singapore to take out third place in the group behind South Vietnam and Australia.

And, ironically, I think the New Zealanders might provide Australia with some of the stiffest opposition of the tour.

Unlike most of our Asian opponents, they won't shun hard tackling and our players' height advantage will be nullified against the rugged, raw-boned Kiwis.

The withdrawal of Taiwan and, especially Japan, has robbed the tournament of some of its glamor.

With the exception of South Korea, and even if Hong Kong does participate, none of the other teams are among Asia's top six soccer nations.

Australia, however, shouldn't look a gift horse in the mouth.

At this early stage of our international career, any success that might come Australia's way is good to take.

Anything less than a berth in the final against rather undistinguished opposition would be very disappointing.

— Lou Gautier

STOP PRESS

The Australian team is almost certain to play two matches against Indonesia in Djakarta after all.

The Indonesians have agreed to meet Australia on November 17 and 19.

The matches in Indonesia will enable the Australians to make a quick exit from Saigon once their tournament commitments are over.

The Australian party will leave Saigon on November 16 for Djakarta, then fly to Singapore on November 20 for their two games there on November 21 and 23.

Originally Australia was to have played in Djakarta on December 1 and 3, on the way home, but Indonesia was unable to accommodate the tourists on those dates.

Teams in two groups

The teams in the Saigon Tournament are split into two groups:

● Group I: Australia, South Vietnam, New Zealand, Singapore.

● Group II: South Korea, Thailand, Malaysia and Hong Kong, if competing.

In the semifinals, the winner of Group I plays the second in Group II and the winner of Group II meets the runner-up in Group I.

Touring party of 28

Australia's touring party now in South Vietnam consists of 28 members.

They are:

- Players
- Ron Corry (NSW).
 - Alan Westwater (NSW).
 - John Watkiss (NSW).
 - John Warren (NSW).
 - Stan Ackerley (NSW).
 - Ray Baartz (NSW).
 - Manfred Schaefer (NSW).
 - Ray Lloyd (NSW).
 - Roger Romanowicz (SA).
 - Ted De Lyster (SA).
 - Tom McColl (SA).
 - Dick Van Alphen (Vic.).
 - Attila Abonyi (Vic.).
 - George Keith (Vic.).
 - Frank Micic (Vic.).
 - Bill Vojtek (Vic.).
 - Gary Wilkins (Qld.).
 - Ray Richards (Qld.).

Coach

- Joe Vlasits (NSW).
- Managers
- John Barclay (Vic.).
 - Jim Connell (SA).
- Doctor
- Brian Corrigan (NSW).
- Masseur
- Lou Lazzari (Vic.).
- Referee
- Tony Boskovic (NSW).
- Press, Radio
- Martin Royal (ABC, "Soccer World").
 - Terry Smith ("Australian").
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ATTILA'S FIERY HUNS HUMBLLED PROUD APIA

— From BOB LOW in Melbourne —

Melbourne-HSC confounded all the critics by beating top Sydney team APIA to deservedly win the 1967 Australia Cup.

Even though the game went to extra 20 minutes, the Victorian State League champions looked the winners all the way.

They were never behind at any stage of the match and except for a brief five-minute spell before the end of the regulation 90 minutes, were fitter, faster and more dedicated.

In contrast, APIA never lived up to their reputation which gave them the unofficial title of the "best club side in Australia".

Their defence was shaky under pressure and their midfield links never clicked.

In attack they had few other chances than the ones they actually managed to convert into goals — and even one of them came from a sizzler, some 30 yards away, not from an attack.

Both teams appeared nervous and the fast playing surface played many tricks with the ball.

The first real threat to APIA's goal came in the 8th minute following two Melbourne corners.

In the 20th minute Melbourne fans went wild with delight for the first time when their team hit the front.

Conelly gained possession well in his own half, sped some 30 yards unchallenged and suddenly unleashed a tremendous shot from some 35 yards.

"Own" goal

The ball struck the bar, rebounded, Abonyi calmly collected it and hit a hard low drive for his first goal.

Four minutes later the Cup holders were level.

A cross from Ackerley and a weak header from Blue — and just as Surma moved to pick up the ball Shanks unhappily deflected it into the other corner.

Both teams made changes at halftime, Kurta coming in to replace McCann for Melbourne and Campbell taking over from McKinnon.

Melbourne took command on resumption and their pressure paid off in the 52nd minute when Abonyi picked up a

ball loosely scrambled away by the APIA defence, calmly took aim and fired it in, the ball rebounding just over the line from a defender.

APIA were struggling to stay in the game and just when Melbourne looked likely to increase their lead, came a twist.

Giacometti let loose with a hard drive and Blue pushed it in from inches.

APIA were once again in arrears in the 73rd minute when Abonyi started a good move, slipping a long pass to Kurta on the wing.

Three APIA defenders were on the spot, yet Stoffels was untroubled to sweep the ball in from a few yards.

Shot in anger

Six minutes from time Watkiss, who had been subdued all afternoon, fired a tremendous shot in anger, from some 30 yards, hitting the stanchion in the back of the net.

The ball rebounded into play and while the Melbourne defenders were busy scrambling it clear, the referee firmly signalled a goal.

After five minutes of extra time Abonyi delivered the coup de grace.

There was a scramble in front of the APIA goal, the ball bounced left and right without being properly cleared when Abonyi stepped in and smashed it under the bar from a few yards.

I thought the best players for Melbourne were Conelly, Shanks, Abonyi and Scott while in APIA, Blue, Bottalico and Taylor stood out.

Details:

Melbourne-HSC: Surma; Fowler, Gregal; Shanks, Scott, Conelly; McCann (Kurta), Abonyi, Stoffels, Grenouille, Myers.

APIA: Taylor; Nuttall, Ackerley; Hughes, Van Blerk, Bottalico; McKinnon (Campbell), Blue, Watkiss, Giacometti, Kerklaan.

Referee: V. Dobinson (Qld).

Crowd: 11,185.

Scorers: Abonyi 20, 52, 95 mins., Stoffels 72 min. for Melbourne; Shanks (o.g.) 24 min., Blue 67 min., Watkiss 83 min. for APIA.

APIA WERE FATIGUED AND TOO PHLEGMATIC

— By PAUL DEAN —

who went to Melbourne to see the match.

"Schifo!" (shame), exclaimed APIA executive Vic Capeletto as the referee signalled the end of the Australia Cup final.

The signal may have ended more than just a match; it could have symbolically terminated APIA's absolute and majestic domination of Australian soccer.

For all the unmistakable signs of a gradual decline were visible at Olympic Park: APIA were fatigued and phlegmatic, disjointed and dispirited.

Not even when clearly in trouble towards the end could they lift their game and match either the tempo or the will of Melbourne-Hungaria.

The Cup final debacle must have left a bitter, "anti-Hungarian" taste in the mouths of all true-blooded APIA men.

In the Sydney Grand Final it was St. George-Budapest that knocked them off their pedestal and now it was the Saints' sister club that repeated the feat, thus preventing APIA from becoming the first double winners of the huge Australian Cup trophy.

Olympic Park isn't really APIA's favorite hunting ground; so far they have play-

ed four Australia Cup ties there failing to win any of them.

In 1963 Slavia beat them 3-1 in the quarterfinals; in 1964 they went down 2-3, after extra time, to George Cross in the final; in 1965 they drew 2-2 with Hellas before beating them 4-1 in the Sydney return game.

Unhappy sequence

And now, to continue this unhappy sequence, they lost yet again, making all Melbourne fans wonder if APIA are really the team they are made out to be.

The match was always exciting and the standard satisfactory without reaching classic proportions.

Perhaps it was a monumental error to take APIA down to Melbourne a few hours before the match; perhaps the team was jaded; quite likely Watkiss had a quiet game because he had Saigon in mind and tried to

avoid injury. (He failed: a few minutes from the end he did receive a minor knee injury.)

But even so, APIA got beaten by a team which on the day was infinitely fitter, fresher, keener and much more homogenous.

Melbourne Hungaria, in fact, are a true team without any pretense for greatness.



J. GIACOMETTI (APIA)

They played a counter-punching game almost to perfection, allowing APIA plenty of room in midfield which could mistakenly be interpreted as a domination of the game.

But when Hungaria counter-attacked, they did so with the action of a whip, always looking dangerous especially through the finely tuned Abonyi.

Their backbone was their splendid wing half pair of Conelly and Shanks, two tire-

less, eager men capable of non-stop running, tackling and distribution.

Conelly, I thought, was possibly the best man on the field though Abonyi's three splendid goals and excellent grafting work would rank him alongside of his halfback.

Campana missed

APIA had one of their worst matches of the year and only Ackerley, and to some extent Blue, saved their reputations.

Hughes was slow, cumbersome and ineffective, Nuttall strangely erratic while Van Blerk was fully testing the patience of the referee with his late tackles.

The APIA forward line — and this is becoming a worn cliché — simply doesn't click without Campana or a player of similar ability.

Melbourne Hungaria were extremely worthy winners of the trophy and the way the cosmopolitan Olympic Park crowd acclaimed them after the match must have been heart-warming for them.

Here a team was finally accepted by a city as their own and the game in Victoria will no doubt benefit from their victory.

As for APIA, Vic Capeletto summed up the position the most succinctly:

"We didn't deserve to win. Had we still won somehow, it would have been like stealing the Cup."

Life is really fun if you join the kop

— By ALAN SPEERS —

"You'd be a Londoner, then?" asked the voice on the packed bus. "Nah," chimed in a second voice, "that don't sound like no Londoner to me."

There was a brief moment of silence, as the two questioners turned in their seats to regard me with eyes only partly visible beneath Beatle-type mops.

"Where you from, then?" the one who had spoken first asked again, his tone more insistent.

Their curiosity had been aroused by my innocent request to the bus conductor to advise me when to alight at Anfield, home of Bill Shankly's Liverpool team.

It was, as they told me later, something only a despised Londoner would do, since it seemed perfectly obvious that everyone else on the bus was going to Anfield, anyway.

I never discovered what their reaction might have been had I confessed to being from the south, particularly as Liverpool were clashing with the London side, West Ham United, that Saturday afternoon.

But, as anyone who has ever been to an English soccer match will tell you, "baiting" of rival supporters is regarded as added entertainment; all good, clean fun.

At any rate, having satisfied themselves over my credentials, they invited me along, with them, to watch the match.

It's an experience I'm hardly likely to forget.

Most Australians, or at least the younger generation, associate Liverpool with the so-called Mersey-beat, that caco-

phony of noise started by the Beatles.

But, pop music runs a bad second to football in the hearts of most Liverpoolians, whether they support Liverpool, or their near-neighbors, Everton.

Nor does the fact that both teams are based in Liverpool, a sprawling city of docks and grimy buildings set on the Mersey River, mean that there is any love between rival supporters.

As my "hosts" on that Saturday afternoon, Mick and Bob, told me: "We won't watch Everton even if 'The Pool' are playing away."

"It's like this, you see," explained Mick as we joined the long queue outside Anfield, "if you're born in one part of the city you support Liverpool."

"If you're unlucky, and are born in the other side, you follow Everton."

"But you don't ever swap sides," he added, fully serious.

Anfield, situated two or three miles out of Liverpool's city centre, is a magnificent stadium, ranking with Manchester's Old Trafford, and Stamford Bridge, home of Chelsea, in London, in spectator amenities.

The famous Spion Kop, the huge stand which holds thousands upon thousands of spectators, is better known to Merseysiders than Buckingham Palace.

Visiting teams quake at the thought of playing in front of the crowd in the Kop, and

These two could go a long way

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Neil Campbell, the teenage centre-half of newly-promoted Manly, and Bankstown's prolific goalscoring forward David Tansley are two youngsters soccer fans should hear more of in the not too distant future.

Nineteen-year-old NEIL CAMPBELL, regular centre-half for the Manly-Warringah team, is one of many youngsters in the side whose talent and eagerness for the game helped to fulfil his big ambition to play in First Division soccer next year.

Neil improved with every match and his agility was a big factor to the outstanding success Manly achieved in this season's Second Division competition.

He covers the centre for Manly like a veteran and gives the opposing centre-forwards a hard time with his swift tackling and quicksure clearances.

Neil is a product of the Manly-Warringah District and has played his first game for Manly at the age of eight.

Since then, he has represented the NSW team twice each in under-14's, 16's and 18's, and he captained the NSW under-18 side that toured New Caledonia in 1965.

He was selected for the Australian championships in Brisbane in 1965 but had to withdraw owing to an injury sustained on the New Caledonian tour.

He has filled the pivot position for Manly since 1965.

By learning tactical skills from coach Denes Adrigan, his game should im-

prove further still when we will see Neil making his first grade debut next year.

Villawood kid

One of the most promising talented boys in the game, who rose from local junior soccer to Second Division in just over one season, is Bankstown's prolific goalscorer and inside-right DAVID TANSLEY.

David started his soccer career with the East Villawood juniors and eventually played for all the three teams in the district.

He joined Bankstown late in 1966 and played the final three games in Bankstown's reserve grade.

He started the 1967 season in reserve grade and played the first six matches with that side, but once promoted to the first team, he never lost his place.

Possessing superb ball control and a deadly shot in both feet, he is a most valuable striker.

His goal tally for Bankstown this season was 19 goals, 13 of which were scored in first grade.

David played with the NSW State under-16 side against Queensland in 1964 and also went with the same team to Newcastle, and was a reserve player against Northern NSW.

I have no doubt, having seen and heard it, there is more than a little truth in this claim.

Jammed tight in the milling throng, all, it seemed, wearing the blood-red scarves of Liverpool, I couldn't help, for a minute, wishing myself back in the spacious surroundings of Wentworth Park, or the Marks Field.

"Big crowd," I remarked to Bob, who was busily explaining, meantime, to a nearby fan, how unlucky Liverpool had been not to have beaten Manchester the previous week.

"Nah, you should see it when it's really full," he said.

Liverpool fans' theme song — "God save our gracious team" — set to the national anthem, is indicative more of an ingenious ability to switch things to suit themselves, than of any disrespect for Royalty.

Deafening noise

It is no place for anyone with ear troubles — though, on second thoughts, deafness might be of some advantage in overcoming the almost non-stop barrage of noise.

"Liverpool, Liverpool!" is the cry, helped along with a steady, thunderous stamping of feet.

(Whoever it was who had designed the Kop must be worthy of some form of recognition in planning foundations able to withstand such a battering.)

If rival teams find it an

ordeal to play before the Liverpool fans, the referee has to be possessed of a fair amount of physical and moral courage.

As luck would have it, West Ham scored first against Liverpool on the occasion of my visit, much to the chagrin of home fans.

"Did you see that," said Bob, "Brabrook was a mile offside."

I myself thought the goal was fair, but who but a fool would have said so.

"Eee — aye — addio, the referee is a —," chanted the crowd, all to no avail, however.

All was well, however; Roger Hunt equalised just before halftime, leaving the crowd in good spirits at the break.

And, when Ian St. John, with 10 minutes left, shot the goal which gave Liverpool victory, it was as if the sun had suddenly emerged to brighten the Anfield scene.

"Best two forwards in the League," chortled Bob, as we battled to find a path to the exit after the game.

"But I still reckon Brabrook was offside," said Mick.

"You'll join us for a beer," he added, "we'll show you some of Liverpool's best drinking establishments."

I did join them and, I think, saw some of the better establishments.

I say think because my memory of events after the game are a little clouded by — eh — time...

But that's another story.

• FIRST DIVISION FLASHBACK

ANOTHER MIXED BAG WAS HELLENIC'S LOT

— By LOU GAUTIER —

Pan Hellenic struck their best form at the tail-end of the season and salvaged what would otherwise have been another disappointing season with a spirited Australia Cup campaign.

Disappointing, to them, that is...

Many Sydney clubs would have been justifiably happy to emulate Pan Hellenic this year, but fourth place in the competition, a final play-off berth, and semifinal appearances in both the Ampol and Australia Cups still fall short of what Pan Hellenic have been hoping to achieve for the past seven years.

Sydney's best supported club — they took over APIA's mantle as our top drawcard in 1967 — still hasn't won a single trophy since joining the First Division in 1961.

Pan Hellenic's form in 1967 was again something of an enigma.

On numerous occasions they flattered only to deceive. Luck, it must be noted, was rarely kind to Pan Hellenic.

Here is one team which enjoyed few of the breaks that normally come the way of any team throughout a season.

Lacked luck

Although Pan Hellenic were most unlucky this season, the players also contributed to their relative lack of success in 1967.

A good team is a lucky one, so the saying goes.

Pan Hellenic this year had a useful team, as good as any in the competition on their day, but a great one — no.

Their team was unbalanced and carried too much "deadwood" to rate as a truly good side.

Their forward-line started the competition in whirlwind fashion, and but for APIA's 8-1 win against Polonia in the second last match of the competition, would have scored more goals than any other team.

In the latter part of the season, however, it was their defence, so shaky in the earlier stages, which held them together.

Only on rare occasions did the defence and the attack click harmoniously.

Westwater's year

A decided weakness in the goalkeeping position, only remedied during the Australia Cup with the resurgence of a more mature, confident Maglis, cost Pan Hellenic dearly.

One player rose head and shoulders above all others in 1967.

Alan Westwater WAS Pan Hellenic this season, and the load he had to carry all through the season was staggering.

Whether in midfield or in attack, the Australian international was a perpetual dynamo, the engineer of whatever success came the team's way.

Second only to SOCCER WORLD's "star" award-winner was Roy Blitz.

The Australian World Cup winger had his best year since his initial season in Australia with Prague in 1963 and his omission from the Australian team is hard to follow.

Other players also served Pan Hellenic well in 1967.

Dave Johnston, the fullback, may not be a stylist, but he has emerged as a defender in the best Ackerley mould — tough, aggressive, and a handful for the best of wingers.

Polish, plus guts and energy were the attributes of Pan Hellenic's newest signing, ex-Liverpudlian, Hignett.

Hignett is in Pan Hellenic to stay, and next season when Greek centre-half Dounias will lead the defence, the rear-guard trio of Johnston, Hignett, and Dounias will take some beating.

With Cole, whose season was ruined through injury, Mallard, Henson, McCulloch and Omeros all vying for the left-half position next to Westwater, Pan Hellenic in 1968 should be endowed with a defence capable of steering the team to bigger, better things.

In attack Brian Smith this season was more like the "Smithy" of old, who caught the imagination of the soccer world in Canterbury's heyday.

His Australia Cup displays were outstanding, and could have been the forerunners of a sparkling 1968 season, if only he wasn't so injury-prone.

Karyannis was a revelation this year. True, he still squandered many chances, and at times nearly drove supporters to an early grave with incredible misses, but he showed more purpose, dash and spirit than ever before, and deservedly ended up as the team's top scorer, and the competition's third overall goalgetter.

Oh, Laraman! The same flattery can hardly be heaped on Peter Laraman, whom Pan Hellenic purchased from Hakoah after the Ampol Cup.

The former ace Slavina-Melbourne goalscorer must have left his scoring boots back in Melbourne because only very seldom did he even vaguely justify his booming pre-Sydney reputation.

Once noted for their not too successful "imports", Pan Hellenic only burnt their fingers with Laraman this year.

McCulloch, and Omeros, who proved strikingly effective as a winger against APIA in the Australia Cup semifinal, gave Pan Hellenic good service throughout the season and must be in the running for a first team berth again next season despite strong opposition from other players striving to secure a place in a team destined for better things in 1968.

Youngsters emerge

One of the most pleasing aspects of Pan Hellenic this season was the emergence of a bright new crop of talented young local players.

Vrolyks, Bardetta, Byles and Howard all got their chance, and although still a trifle immature for the first team, the future belongs to them, and in coach Bill Vrolyks, Pan Hellenic have just the right man to bring them along.

Vrolyks replaced Walter Tamandl with distinction as coach and undoubtedly played his part in Pan Hellenic reaching every semifinal this year.

Pan Hellenic can look ahead to 1968 with a certain amount of justified optimism.

Their defence needs no bolstering; actually they have an abundance of talent in that department, and perhaps only a good new forward might be enough to transform them at last into the top team their huge following has been clamoring for all these years.

The New Zealand team, according to our Wellington correspondent, Colin Chin, is almost as strong as New Zealand's team in the Saigon Tournament.

Playing at home, the colorful New Caledonians, shock 4-2 winners against a Sydney XI liberally sprinkled with World Cup players at Wentworth Park in 1965, will start favorites for the tournament.

The Australian squad includes many fine young prospects, despite a few glaring omissions, who should gain invaluable experience.

Playing against much older, mature opponents, it won't be so much our team's results, but the promise for the future they may display, which interests us.

The Noumea tournament is doubly important because it is the first positive step towards making the newly-formed Oceanic Confederation a going concern.

The future of international matches between South Pacific neighbours will depend largely on the success of the Noumea venture.

— LOU GAUTIER

This youthful, inexperienced squad will not find the going easy in Noumea.

Their opponents will be full senior representative sides, with only a sprinkling of youth in their line-ups.

The "B" team for Noumea is:

Ross Kelly (Coalstars Brisbane), Henry Surma (Melbourne Hungaria), Dave Johnston (Pan Hellenic, Sydney), Alan Lind (Cottesloe Perth), Colin Curran (Adamstown Newcastle), Geoff Morgan (St. George-Budapest), George Whitaker (Grange Thistle Brisbane), David Baker (Hakoah Melbourne), Horst Schneider (Wallsend Newcastle), Ray Cuth (South Sydney Croatia), Larry Armitage (Prague Sydney), Gary Manuel (Prague Sydney), Ian Johnston (Coalstars Brisbane), John Perin (Juventus Adelaide), Peter Pont (Adamstown Newcastle), Denis Paterson (South Coast United).

On Sunday, Australia will meet New Caledonia, then wait five days before playing New Zealand, next Friday, November 10.

The team returns on November 12.

Australia's "B" team is, in fact, an under-23 selection, whose average age is only 20 years and four months.

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■ SECOND DIV. REVIEW

Western Suburbs will test the best

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Western Suburbs' initial season in Second Division was not exactly a remarkable success but finishing sixth on equal points with the fourth and fifth place-getters is no failure either.

Throughout the season, Westerns was always in a comfortable position, within reach of the leaders and with semi-final prospects all the way but two successive lapses against Marconi and Sutherland enabled the latter to slip in on goal average.

Hailed as the side of the future, Westerns has attracted Australia-wide interest not by any grandiose performances but by planned, and implemented development that could make it a leading club in Australian soccer in a few years.

Significantly, one of the club's main concerns is not "to go it alone" but to be joined by other clubs on this road to history-making — and success.

An unknown inter-suburban club until 1966, Westerns took its first leap forward when it turned semi-professional and all but took over Sydney Australia to gain Second Division status.

In this deal, the club absorbed some of the Dutch players into the side which was built on its own players, but basically, the first and second teams had to be reconstructed for the 1967 season.

FULLTIME COACH

But Western Suburbs' rise to moderate fame undoubtedly came when the club secured the services of Joe Marston, one of Australia's greatest soccer products who became the club's full-time coach after highly successful playing and coaching years with APIA.

Backed by its prospering Social Club — with some 2,500 members — its close-knit administration works in a spirit of harmony towards one aim: The Advancement of Australian soccer.

These administrators, all dedicated soccer men, include such former internationals as Albert De Paoli, Harry Robertson and Jock McMahon.

With the club's pronounced aim to concentrate on the huge and for so long neglected Western Suburbs area, Joe Marston's job is a king-size challenge involving assistance to ever so many district junior and school teams.

In the process, soccer has been taken up in schools, where it never existed before.

BIJKERK STARRED

In coaching the club, Marston is assisted by Leo Bosklopper and Harry Hill, a former coach of APIA's grade teams.

In Gordon Stratford, the club has an outstanding secretary-manager who plans its soccer activities through its playing committee of some 20, development committee and board of directors who have the final say.

During the 1967 season, West's most consistent player was its centre-half Johnny Bijkker whose outstanding polished performances could always be relied on by the club.

The team's chief weakness was in the forwards and lack of strikers robbed the team of a place in the semi-finals.

The reserve grade team won the championship and the other sides, right down to the under-14s, all finished in high positions in their competitions.

The under-18 team, coached by Leo Bosklopper, became State Metropolitan champions.

APPRENTICES

In the immediate future the club's aspirations, some in the process of realisation include:

● Introduction of the apprentice — professional training scheme from next January when some lucky four of the 25 boys tested will be engaged.

● The aim to enter First Division in 1969 backed by some outstanding reserves.

● Joe Marston is going to England early November for four to six weeks to study the latest coaching methods and gain added



JOE MARSTON

experience with such clubs as Manchester United and study the operation of the apprentice schemes and the coaching of juniors.

● The club will field nine teams next season as compared with seven in 1967.

● Western Suburbs are making firm efforts to build their own modern stadium in the Canada Bay area as soon as possible.

On summary, the apprentice-professional scheme, Joe Marston's overseas trip and the nine club sides under the direct control of the club represent "firsts" in Australian soccer.

It looks that 1968 may be "Western Suburbs' season" in the Second Division, as with all this constructive planning, the club should be able to field a side consisting of the finest potential in Australia.

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ROUND THE WORLD

Docherty's Arabian nights?

Tommy Docherty has been offered a fabulous contract by the Sheikh of oil-rich Kuwait. The Sheikh, a keen soccer fan who watches most of the big internationals all over the world, is reported to have offered the fiery Scot \$150,000 to manage Kuwait's national team for two years. The Sheikh practically owns the national team as all the players work in his palace.

More "X" than "B"

The Hungarians are deeply worried about their "B" team which is really their Olympic team; against very modest opposition they have been suffering some shattering defeats lately, the last one a crushing 0-6 against Yugoslavia "B." Now it looks certain that the preparations will be drastically changed and some "name" players who seem to be resenting a "B" cap — goalie Szentmihályi, fullback Novak, wing half Soly-mosi, etc. — will be dropped.

Egyptian competition called off

All competition matches in Egypt have been suspended since the June war with Israel. Since the Egyptian defeat, all clubs have been notified by the Government they must terminate their contracts with foreign coaches, even those from Iron Curtain countries. As a result, nine First Division clubs are without a coach.

The Best Lulu

George Best and top singing star Lulu are keeping company, even to the extent of the Glasgow girl attending almost every Manchester United home game. But not to cheer George on. "She attends United games to watch her favorite soccer player, fellow Glaswegian, Paddy Crerand," says Best.

FC Nurnberg still unbeaten

FC Nurnberg have set a West German Bundesliga record by going through their first 11 matches undefeated. The team coached by Austrian Max Merkel have won eight and drawn three of their first eleven competition matches and enjoy a commanding four-point lead. Nurnberg are also on the way towards setting new attendance figures. None of their home matches to date attracted less than 50,000 spectators. Nurnberg are most interested in playing a number of matches in Australia next April.

Ferencvaros' 20th title

Ferencvaros have won the 65th Hungarian First Division championship. Although three rounds remain, the Budapest club cannot be overtaken as they have a huge 11-point lead over Ujpest. The title is Ferencvaros' 20th. They are unbeaten in Hungary since October 23, 1966. Ferencvaros only used 17 players in the last year and more than 60 per cent of their matches were played by the same 11 players. The team's average age is 25 and their top scorer is Albert with 27 goals after 26 rounds.

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West Germany's national amateur team will tour the Far East after their elimination Olympic match against Great Britain on November 8. The Germans will play in Iran, Pakistan, India and Hong Kong.

● Austria and Switzerland will meet in an Olympic qualifying match in Vienna on Sunday. Switzerland won the first leg 1-0 two weeks ago.

● The current top goalscorer in Italy is Torino's French international centre-forward, Nestor Combin, whose omission from recent French national teams has caused a furore.

● Malta and Italy will meet on December 8 and December 20 in junior internationals. The winner of the two-legged tie will qualify for the finals of the 1968 European Junior Championship, to be held in France at Easter.

● Noel Cantwell, the former Manchester United club captain, revealed that his yearly salary as Coventry City coach will be \$20,000.

● The Celtic-Racing Buenos Aires Intercontinental Cup match at Hampden Park on October 18 grossed \$160,000 at the gate — a United Kingdom record for an inter-club fixture.

● The famous Mitropa Cup, forerunner of the European Cup, is 40 years old this year.

● Frigerio, the former centre-forward of FC Basel, who toured Australia in 1964, is the top goalscorer in Switzerland this season. Frigerio now plays for Chaux-de-Fonds.

● Karoly Soos, the former team-manager of the East German national team, is almost certain to coach Honved in his native Hungary.

● More than 100,000 people filed past the coffin of the late Torino star, "Gigi" Meroni, who was run over by a car two weeks ago.

● Ferenc Puskas' Hungarian smallgoods factory in Madrid has closed down. Puskas is now almost certain to accept a coaching position with the San Francisco Clippers.

● King Hussein of Jordan watched the recent Spain v. Czechoslovakia (2-1) European Championship match at Madrid's Bernabeu Stadium.

● The first leg of the Spain v. Czechoslovakia European Championship match in Prague six weeks ago created a diplomatic incident. The Czechoslovakian band played the pre-Franco Republican national anthem before the kick-off.

● Herr Wiederkehr, secretary of the UEFA, last week presented Real Madrid with the original European Champions' Cup trophy as a permanent memento for Real's six victories in the competition.

● After 12 rounds in Poland, Ruch are still the undefeated leaders, one point ahead of Legia Warsaw.

● In Uruguay, Penarol are four points ahead of arch-rivals, Nacional, the 1966-67 champions.

● The Supreme Brazilian sporting organisation (CBD) has requested the Government for cash grants in order to rebuild Brazil's soccer. The solution may be what the Europeans have been doing for years: State-run soccer pools.

● Twenty players have been sent off in England since the start of the season. Latest expulsions, last weekend, were Everton goalie, Gordon West, and Newcastle United's Ollie Burton.

● During the Second Division Yugoslav match between Cervenka v. Buducnost, a 17-year-old spectator threw a stick of dynamite among the spectators; two were critically injured.

● The Austrians are extremely happy with their new young goalkeeper, Harreither, who kept his slate clean against the Russians. The team that won 1-0 was: Harreither, Gebhardt, Glechner, Froelich, Sturmberger, Eigenstiller, Koleznik, Siber, Grausam, Floegel, Stamm.

● The Hungarian national team will play six matches in South America next month, in Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay and Chile.

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Can Rapid break hoodoo?

The second round European Cup clash between Rapid and Eintracht Braunschweig has created tremendous interest all over Austria. The Austrians are confident that Rapid can break the hoodoo German teams have held over their Austrian opponents for nearly 30 years. The last time an Austrian team defeated German opponents was in 1938 when Sindelar led Austria to a 2-0 win over Germany in Vienna. Since then, however, Austrian teams, at both national team and club level, have never beaten their German rivals.

Santos make comeback

Santos is on the way up again in Brazil. Pele's team is the joint Sao Paulo competition leader, with Corinthians, after 11 rounds. In the Rio competition, Botafogo lead by a point from Bangu. The return to form of former Brazilian "wonderboy," Coutinho, whose partnership in attack with Pele is again a match-winner, is largely responsible for Santos' comeback after two seasons of relative obscurity.

Russian referee's book

The Russian referee, Tofik Bakhranov, who gained world-wide notoriety when he allowed England's goal during extra-time of the 1966 World Cup final (he was one of the linesmen at Wembley), has written a book called "A thousand and one matches." In the book he reveals that German referee Kreitlein couldn't understand a word of Spanish and was wrong to send off the Argentinian Rattin during the England v. Argentina World Cup quarterfinal at Wembley. Bakhranov also claims that some referees are so nervous before the kick-off that they drink whisky and brandy to steady their nerves.

Australia's "kiss of death"

Sparta Prague are going from bad to worse in the First Division Czechoslovakian championship. Not only are they in last place after nine competitions, rounds but two points separate them from the second last club, Bohemians. By a strange coincidence, the last three teams on the Czechoslovakian ladder will have visited Australia. Sparta were here in January, Slavia will visit us in December and Bohemians toured Australia in 1927. Bohemians' emblem, a kangaroo, was adopted as a result of their trip "down under."

SCOREBOARD

OLYMPIC QUALIFYING GAMES: France v. Finland 3-1; West Germany v. Great Britain 0-2.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: France v. Belgium 1-1; Spain v. Czechoslovakia 2-1; East Germany v. Hungary 1-0.

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: Poland v. Rumania 0-0; Denmark v. Finland 3-0.

FAIR CITIES' CUP: Lokomotiv Plovdiv v. Partizan Belgrade 1-1 (Partizan won 6-2 on aggregate and will meet Leeds United in second round); Atletico Madrid v. Wiener Sportklub 2-1 (Atletico won 7-3 on aggregate and will meet Goztepe Izmir of Turkey in second round); Bilbao (Spain) v. Bordeaux (France) 3-1 (this was a second round tie).

HOLLAND: Volendam v. Feyenoord 1-1; DWS v. DOS 3-1; Sittardia v. Telstar 1-4; MVV v. Go Ahead 1-1; FC Twente v. ADO 0-3; PSV v. Fortuna 1-1; Xerxes v. NAC 3-0; Sparta v. Ajax 1-0; GVAV v. NEC 0-0.

ITALY: Bologna v. Fiorentina 0-1; Brescia v. Sampdoria 1-2; Mantova v. Juventus 0-0; Napoli v. Vicenza 1-1; Roma v. Atalanta 1-1; Torino v. Spal 1-0; Varese v. Inter Milan 1-0.

PORTUGAL: Porto v. Academica 1-0; Benfica v. Leixoes 6-0; Sporting Lisbon v. Braga 6-0; Setubal v. Belenenses 1-1; Guimaraes v. CUF 2-3; Barreense v. Tirsense 1-0; Varzim v. Sanjoanense 0-0.

SPAIN: Cordoba v. Las Palmas 2-1; Sevilla v. Espanol Barcelona 3-0; CF Barcelona v. Real Betis 2-1; Real Madrid v. Atletico Madrid 0-0; Eliche v. Sabadell 1-1; Malaga v. Atletico Bilbao 2-2; Pontevedra v. Valencia 1-0.

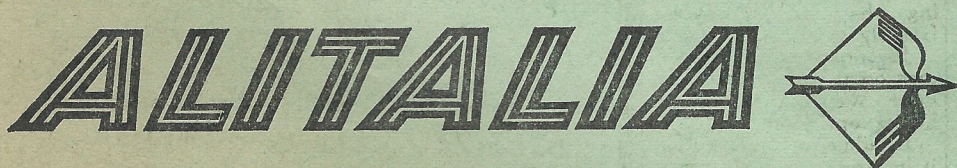
SWITZERLAND: Bellinzona v. Basel 0-0; Bienne v. Granges 3-0; Chaux-de-Fonds v. Lugano 1-2; Grasshoppers Zurich v. Servette Geneva 2-1; Lausanne Sports v. Young Fellows Zurich 7-0; Sion v. FC Zurich 0-6; Young Boys Berne v. Lucerne 1-1.

USSR: Dinamo Kiev v. Neftyanik Baku 2-0; Lokomotiv Moscow v. Dinamo Tbilisi 1-1; Torpedo Moscow v. Torpedo Kutaisi 2-2; Zenith Leningrad v. Shakhtyor Donetsk 1-1; Dinamo Minsk v. Army Sports Club Rostov 1-1; Wing of Soviets (Kuibystev) v. Kaigat Alma Ata 1-0; Chernomorets Odessa v. Ararat Erevan 0-2.

YUGOSLAVIA: Hajduk Split v. Partizan Belgrade 0-1; Dinamo Zagreb v. Radnicki 5-2; Rijeka v. Sarajevo 3-0; Vojvodina v. Maribor 1-0; Red Star Belgrade v. OFK Belgrade 6-0; Olimpija Ljubljana v. Zagreb 1-0; Zeljeznicar v. Proleter 3-0; Velez v. Vardar Skopje 0-2.

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What a fantastic year it has been for Melbourne Hungaria SC!

Beaten finalists in the Ampol Cup after a replay with Slavia, they went on to win the State League title for the first time, were knocked out of the Dockerty Cup in the first round by the almost unknown Metropolitan club, Sunshine City and then had the audacity to win the Australia Cup against APIA who, a year earlier, had beaten them in the semifinal of the same competition.

Formed in 1956 and sparked off by the Hungarian revolution, Melbourne entered the State League in 1960 and created a tremendous impression by finishing up third on the league ladder in their first season.

Early management and founder members included Andy Kun, Andy Kovacs, Stephen Mihalyi, Ferenc Marko, Sandor Thompa, Paul Csizmadia, Bela Szepessya, Cyula Szabo and coach Lou Varnai.

Players who had a big success in the side in the early days were mainly Hungarians and included: Joe Voros who played on the right wing, Frank Bors inside forward and captain who was killed in a car accident in 1961, Karcsi, centre forward and one of the most controversial play-

ers ever to play in Victorian soccer, player-coach Lou Varnai and Scottish wing-half or inside-forward, Jimmy Garrett.

One man who played a bigger part than anyone and who gave many valuable years of service to the club as secretary-manager was Vic Manson whose name was a household word in Victorian soccer.

Although he is now on the sidelines after a sojourn back in the UK, Vic has still the interests of his old club at heart and finds an open door awaiting him at any of the club's functions.

Predominantly Hungarian in their early days, Melbourne in recent years have owed much of their success to the fact that they acquired a strong contingent of a tartan brigade from Scotland.

Original members of the Scottish clan were Jimmy Pearson, the inside forward, who was later transferred for a big fee to Pan Hellenic and is now in South Africa after representing both Victoria and New South Wales as well as playing for Australia, and Jim Malloy, a centre-forward, who fetched a \$2,000 fee from the local Juventus.

Except for their first year in the State League (1960) and until 1966,

The fourth in a series of six articles highlighting the achievements and prospects of Melbourne's State League clubs by
BOB LOW

Melbourne were struggling as a "bread and butter" side and in fact, for several seasons they were on the verge of relegation.

Here is their State League record at the finishing post each season: 1960: 3rd, 1961: 8th, 1962: 9th, 1963: 8th, 1964: 9th, 1965: 10th, 1966: 4th, 1967: champions.

STATE LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

In cup-tie soccer, Melbourne have a poorer record.

Other than reaching the final of the Ampol Cup in

1967, the semifinal of the Australia Cup in 1966 and winning the national competition this season, they have had no outright success in pot-hunting.

However, since 1966 Melbourne have undoubtedly become one of the outstanding sides in Victorian soccer and present indications are that with several irons in the fire they are likely to strengthen their side considerably for 1968 and become even a greater force than ever.

Melbourne are a well drilled, fit and dedicated team who, without showing any real greatness, are capable of testing the best.

Real Madrid tour not that certain

The Secretary of the Australian Federation, Ian McAndrew yesterday denied that the Real Madrid tour was a certainty.

He was commenting on a newspaper report saying that Real Madrid have accepted an offer to tour Australia in June.

"So far we have merely inquired if they would be

interested at all," said McAndrew.

"We have no idea what match fee they would ask for and I have no clue whether the money we can offer them will be acceptable."

McAndrew is likely to leave on a three-week European trip next week.

His main missions there will be:—

- In Madrid: to negotiate with Real Madrid officials for the 1968 tour.

- In Liverpool: to discuss financial matters with officials of Vernons and Littlewoods Pools.

- In Glasgow: to establish contact with Celtic and Rangers officials for possible future tours.

- In Zurich: to press for technical aid from FIFA.

McAndrew is also likely to spend two days in Budapest where he would meet officials of Ferencvaros.

— Paul Dean

Portuguese star here

Adelaide Juventus welcomed the arrival of a new Portuguese forward, Alvaro Da Silva Oliveira.

Oliveira, 29, played from 1960-65 for top Lisbon team CUF in First Division, then transferred to Second Division team Barreirne last year.

Barreirne topped Second Division this year and were promoted.

Although Oliveira has arrived too late for Juventus' Australia Cup commitments, he will be useful for the proposed visit to Perth.

Oliveira and the Italian acquisitions, Fassina and Zamprognio will have ample induction opportunities during the end of season friendly games.

Juventus has Steve Herczeg on the injured list and Peter West is due for a hernia operation.

In addition, Tom McColl is in Asia with the national team and John Perin will be touring with the Australian under-23 team.

Five inside men but no wingers

— From MARTIN ROYAL —

SAIGON, Wednesday — Coach Joe Vlasits is almost certain to play Queenslander Ray Richards on the left wing against New Zealand on Sunday.

Richards is normally an inside-forward in his team, Hollandia.

His selection would mean that the Australian forward quintet would include five inside men and no real wingers.

The man selected for the right-wing position, Melbourne Croatia's Vojtek, usually plays inside-right.

Now that Frank Micic has completely recovered from the effects of his vaccinations, he may get the right-half post ahead of Schaefer.

Abonyi stands by to take his place in the forward line if Watkiss, nursing a knee injury, cannot play on Sunday.

The Australian team will have their first Saigon training tonight.

The venue, however, is still uncertain as the Cong Hoa Stadium, where the Tournament will take place, may be unavailable because of rush, last-minute repairs to have it in tip-top condition before the series kick-off on Saturday.

Although the team had a very tiring flight, and no sleep at all Monday night, all the players are looking forward to their first practice run in Saigon.

The spirit of the whole squad is very high and

everybody in the Australian camp is quite happy with our draw in the tournament.

Almost every local we have spoken to in our first 24 hours in Vietnam assures us Australia has a first-rate chance of reaching the semifinals.

Every Vietnamese we meet is showing tremendous interest and curiosity about Australian soccer, a great novelty in these parts.

JUVENTUS TO VISIT ADELAIDE

Australia Cup semifinalists, Melbourne Juventus will provide a top-flight attraction when they clash with WA Hellas at Hindmarsh on Saturday.

Two former Adelaide Juventus coaches — Mario Corti, now with the Melbourne team and Alex Byrne, back with Hellas — will be the focal points.

Juventus will travel to Perth in five weeks to play friendlies against Azzurri and Tricolore.

Highlights of VSF meeting

Mike Weinstein, chairman of the Victorian Board of Management said Victoria intended to spend much more in 1968 on publicity for the game. A figure of \$5,000 was mentioned for 1968.

- A proposal for an apprenticeship scheme is to be put into effect next year. An obvious copy from NSW.

- John Oliphant, the acting treasurer in place of Jack Mitchell (Hellas) who has been overseas for six months, said that if the revenue from the games against Sparta Prague, Manchester United and Scotland were excluded, local soccer could not support itself.

- Olympic Park Trustees received \$12,456.76 as their share of the rental for Olympic Park for State League games in 1967 compared with \$14,650 in 1966 for the same period.

- The VSF showed a profit over the year of \$19,003 compared with a surplus of \$17,359 in 1966.

- Soccer House is now fully paid off although the VSF owe the VSF Trustees \$7,000.

- Theo Marmaras, the president of the VSF, said more attention must be given to the Metro Leagues in 1967. Emphasis in the past had been on the State League clubs, juniors and schools.

Two new coaches pose happy riddle

— From ALLAN CRISP in Adelaide —

South Australian soccer received a tremendous boost last week with the arrival in Adelaide of two world-class coaches, both of whom will join local clubs.

The coaches are former Yugoslav international half back, Ivo Radovnikovic and Mario Danieli, who returned from Italy after graduating with top honors from the coaching university of Florence.

Radovnikovic took charge of a Juventus training session last Tuesday week.

At press time, however, he had not contracted to coach Juventus.

Officials of another Adelaide First Division club have had talks with Radovnikovic and are hopeful of signing him as full-time coach.

"Soccer World" broke the news of Radovnikovic's Australian arrival in the October 13 issue.

A legendary sporting figure, he represented Yugoslavia in nine full internationals.

He toured Australia in 1949 with Hajduk Split, the club he coached for five years after he retired as a player in 1955.

Before the advent of Radovnikovic, popular opinion was that Mario Danieli would be the next Juventus coach.

Danieli had an amazing run of successes with the Italian community teams he coached in Australia before he left to further his soccer knowledge overseas.

Under his guidance, Juventus won the 1963 championship with the loss of only one league game.

In 1964 he took the Sydney amateur club, Marconi into Second Division.

The following season he returned to Adelaide and coached Azzurri to a Third Division premiership and promotion.

After graduating this year he received coaching offers from one Third and two Fourth Division Italian clubs.

Danieli undertook the two-year Florence university course in company with 57 other coaches.

He returned to Adelaide as the only Australian coach with an Italian diploma.

Juventus is, I suspect, still Danieli's first love but if Radovnikovic is signed, my tip is that Danieli will be snapped up by Polonia.

— Alan Crisp

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AUSTRALIA FACES ITS 63RD INTERNATIONAL

— By LOU GAUTIER —

Australia in Saigon on Sunday will play its 63rd international match against a national team.

By international we mean a match against a representative national side, not "Invitation XI's" like those from England which toured Australia in 1925 and 1951.

By no stretch of the imagination could those teams be regarded even as remotely representative, even if "England" in 1951 did massacre Australia to the tune of 17-0 in Sydney...

We've also discarded the innumerable "internationals" so-called "Australian" teams played in the past against touring overseas club sides which were quite scandalously tagged as "Austria", "Yugoslavia", "China", etc.

Our only true internationals against England were in 1937 when Bernard Joy led what was practically the full England amateur side to Australia.

The Scottish team that toured this year might not have been Scotland's strongest team — and it wasn't, not by a long shot — but all three games were listed by FIFA as full "A" internationals, the first and only ever played on Australian soil, in fact.

Australia, however, did play official, recognised internationals at home before 1967.

We made our real international debut in competitive football against Japan and India, at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics.

Other FIFA-sanctioned internationals in which Australia took part were the two World Cup elimination matches against North Korea in Phnom-Penh, the subsequent game against Cambodia, and the other 1965 Asian tour fixtures against Hong Kong, Nationalist China and Malaysia (twice).

Australia's international record goes back to 1922 when we met New Zealand in Dunedin — and lost 1-3.

Australia had to wait for its sixth international against New Zealand before notching a win — in Brisbane in 1923, when we won 2-1.

Since that day New Zealand won only one more match, 2-1, in Melbourne in 1954.

Australia and New Zealand met 21 times between 1922 and 1958, Australia winning 15, New Zealand 4, and two matches resulting in a draw, including our last international in 1958 in Auckland (2-2).

This Australian team, however, was not our strongest as it didn't include any players from breakaway NSW Federation clubs.

We've also met South Africa 14 times, all in an eight-year span between 1947 and 1955.

Australia's record against the Springboks is disastrous: 10 defeats and one draw for only three wins, two of these on the 1950 tour of South Africa.

Our biggest international defeat (not counting the 17-0 against "England") was inflicted by South Africa in Adelaide in 1955 — 8-0!

The New Zealanders were on the receiving end when Australia scored its biggest ever win: a resounding 10-0 at Wellington in 1936.

Australia has a slightly positive international record.

Our 62 internationals played to date resulted in 28 wins, 27 losses and seven draws.

Australia has scored 153 goals and conceded 137.

We've played 39 internationals at home and 23 abroad.

Australia appeared 12 times in New Zealand, four times in South Africa and in Asia on seven occasions, all during the 1965 tour.

Australia's international record reads:

v. NEW ZEALAND

1922 v. New Zealand* 1-3

1922 v. New Zealand* 1-1

1922 v. New Zealand* 1-3

1923 v. New Zealand 2-3

1923 v. New Zealand 1-4

1923 v. New Zealand 2-1

1933 v. New Zealand 4-2

1933 v. New Zealand 6-4

1933 v. New Zealand 4-2

1936 v. New Zealand* 7-1

1936 v. New Zealand* 10-0

1936 v. New Zealand* 4-1

1948 v. New Zealand* 6-0

1948 v. New Zealand* 7-0

1948 v. New Zealand* 4-0

1948 v. New Zealand* 8-1

1954 v. New Zealand 1-2

1954 v. New Zealand 4-1

1954 v. New Zealand 4-1

1958 v. New Zealand* 3-2

1958 v. New Zealand* 2-2

v. ENGLAND (amateurs)

1937 v. England (amat.) 5-4

1937 v. England (amat.) 0-4

1937 v. England (amat.) 4-3

v. CANADA

1924 v. Canada 3-2

1924 v. Canada 0-1

1924 v. Canada 4-1

1924 v. Canada 0-0

1924 v. Canada 1-4

1924 v. Canada 1-0

v. SOUTH AFRICA

1947 v. South Africa 1-2

1947 v. South Africa 2-4

1947 v. South Africa 3-3

1947 v. South Africa 5-1

* played abroad.

1947 v. South Africa 1-2

1950 v. South Africa* 2-3

1950 v. South Africa* 1-2

1950 v. South Africa* 2-1

1950 v. South Africa* 2-0

1955 v. South Africa 0-3

1955 v. South Africa 0-2

1955 v. South Africa 0-8

1955 v. South Africa 0-6

1955 v. South Africa 1-4

v. INDIA

1938 v. India 5-3

1938 v. India 4-4

1938 v. India 1-4

1938 v. India 5-4

1938 v. India 3-1

1956 v. India 2-4

1956 v. India 1-7

v. JAPAN

1956 v. Japan 2-0

v. NORTH KOREA

(World Cup)

1965 v. North Korea* 1-6

1965 v. North Korea* 1-3

v. CAMBODIA

1965 v. Cambodia* 0-0

v. HONG KONG

1965 v. Hong Kong* 0-1

v. MALAYSIA

1965 v. Malaysia* 1-0

1965 v. Malaysia* 3-0

v. NATIONALIST CHINA

1965 v. Nationalist China* 3-1

v. SCOTLAND

1967 v. Scotland 0-1

1967 v. Scotland 1-2

1967 v. Scotland 0-2

* played abroad.

RADIO WILL GIVE FULL TOUR COVER

Radio Stations 2GB and 2UE in Sydney will provide a score service throughout the Saigon Tournament.

It will be dependent on the service that stations get from Australian Associated Press, but it will be as full a cover as 2GB and 2UE can make it.

Progress scores and details, as they come through the teletype of the stations' newsrooms, will be flashed throughout their Midnight to Dawn programmes.

Since AAP have sent staff reporter, Don Woolford, with the Australian team with instructions to cable back progress scores and details throughout the matches, his dispatches should reach Sydney within half an hour.

Saigon time is two hours ahead of Australian Eastern time and the first scores of the opening match should reach Sydney at around midnight on Sunday.

We urge readers to listen to 2GB and 2UE for the quickest results throughout the tour.

But, please, don't phone the stations for information as it would interfere with their other functions during the hours the games will be played.

The Midnight to Dawn programmes will provide all the information as it comes to hand.

RADIO AUSTRALIA

Martin Royal's match summaries, direct from South Vietnam, during the Saigon Tournament, will be heard 24 hours after the games on the ABC's Sydney Radio Station 2BL.

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Fans with shortwave frequency on their radio sets will be able to capture Martin Royal's live broadcasts on Radio Australia from Saigon.



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On Sundays, Martin Royal will broadcast from Saigon between 9.40 and 9.50 a.m., Australian Eastern time, on 16 and 19 metre bands only.

Smalltalk

JOHN Van Hoboken, the Adidas man in Australia, has had a big hand in outfitting the Australian team: his firm supplied each player with two pairs of soccer boots and one pair of training shoes — for a staggeringly low total of \$17.

But he went even further. He not only released his NSW representative, Tony Boskovic, for the tour — but has a promotion waiting for him on his return from Asia.

QUITE amusing how often we are blasted for printing the "wrong" information. Two weeks ago we pointed out that the referees may have one of their men nominated for the new M.C. This was hotly denied by all concerned. However, as our information was a reliable one, we decided not to publish the disclaimer.

Of course, we were right: Noel Vidler is one of the nominations for the M.C.

REMEMBER we told you so: a few of the interstate players now touring with the Australian team will soon end up with Sydney clubs. Most are interested in such moves and a few have already even made up their minds.

Three of the first ones to join Sydney clubs may be Abonyi and Keith of Melbourne and Richards of Brisbane. Abonyi has declared his determination to join St. George-Budapest while the other two have yet to decide about the offers.

LOU Lazzari, masseur of the Australian team, is a man of varied talents. Back home in Melbourne he is also working with swimmers, cyclists and other sportsmen and his knowledge of general sport is quite impressive.

So take a tip from him, will you: Lou says a young Melbourne swimmer, coached by Harry Gallagher and conditioned by Lou himself, Julie McDonald, will be the next Dawn Fraser of Australian swimming.

TWO years ago we blushed: when the Australian team was farewelled before going to Cambodia, the function was held at the Randwick Rugby Union Club. Now, last Friday, the entire Australian party was farewelled and entertained at the St. George-Budapest "Soccer House."

Needless to say, all interstate members of the team were vastly impressed by the club facilities. None more, perhaps, than Queenslander Ray Richards.

He pulled a jackpot within half an hour after arrival.

A fine gesture. When Australian national team masseur, Lou Lazzari, misplaced \$92 last week when the team was in camp in Sydney, all the players chipped in to reimburse the popular Victorian for his loss.

— MIKE RENWICK

Flashback to 1965

WE WON OUR LAST MATCH IN ASIA 3-0

Australia's last international match in Asia was on December 8, 1965, at Ipoh, Malaysia.

This was the last game of the eight-match 1965 Southeast Asian tour.

The game was played in pouring rain at the Perak Stadium (capacity 16,000).

Less than 350 spectators saw Australia beat Malaysia 3-0 under floodlights probably one of the smallest attendances ever at an international match.

The Australian team was Rorke; Shepherd, Ackersley; Watkiss, Cook, Scheinflug; McMeechan, Warren, Blue (Johnston), Pearson, Todd.

Todd scored in the 54th minute, Johnston in the 65th, and Scheinflug, from a penalty, in the 47th minute.

Only three players of that side — Watkiss, Ackersley and Warren — are in the 1967 touring team.

Rorke, Shepherd, Cook, Scheinflug, McMeechan, Blue and Johnston (who

— L.G.

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